

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 4 as follows:

The present invention refers to steering device for the support device for a rear wheel hub, that is a mechanical device that can be applied to a steering training-arm rear suspension in order to improve comfort for passengers, as well as stability. The Said rocking support device is intended to take up easily and economically the longitudinal impacts on the wheel of the motor-vehicle which are due to the impact of the wheel itself against upward projecting bumps on the road. Besides, the device is mounted on a support element provided with the steering lever and articulated at the end of the arm of the suspension, so that steering movements and longitudinal oscillations of the wheel in relationship to the arm itself can take place.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on 2, line 24 as follows:

The wheel itself can keep itself, according to what the driver wants, at steering angles which are controlled by the steering actuator itself, by means of the proper tension rod connected to the lever located on the steering device. The Said object is achieved by means of the present invention providing a steering device intended to achieve the steering of a support for a rear wheel-hub of a rocking wheel of a motor vehicle presenting the characteristics of claim 1.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 18 as follows:

With reference to the appended figures, and more in particular to figure 1, reference number 1 indicates the overall wishbone of a rear suspension for motor vehicles. One of the ends of the said wishbone is connected to the bodywork of the motor-vehicle by means of a pivot 4. The other end of the wishbone 2 divides in two parts 5 and 6. The first one is provided with a spring 7, intended to support the bodywork of the motor-vehicle, and with a damper 8 intended to dampen the oscillations of the said spring. The second part 6 is connected, by means of a tubular seat 10 in which an axle 11 rotates on bearing 12, to a cylindrical seat 14. The Said

cylindrical seat, which is integral with the axle 11, is basically transversal to the arm 2 and perpendicular to the ~~longer~~ longitudinal axis of the motor-vehicle. In it at least a pair of bearings 15, adapted to rotatably support a pivot 16 fixed to them or otherwise connected, are housed.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 5 as follows:

According to the invention, pivot 16 is integral with a first point 18 of a connection element consisting of an elongated metal plate 19. A second point 20 of plate 19, which when used faces upwards in relationship to the arm 2 of the suspension, is provided with attachments 21 for a hub 23 of the wheel, which looks towards the external part of the motor-vehicle. A third point 24 of the metal plate 19 is connected, in the case shown, by means of a rigid axle 25 to a bushing 26 of predefined elasticity, being integral with a support 28 integral with the cylindrical seat 14.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 13 as follows:

According to the invention, the plate 19 will be able to oscillate forwards and backwards according to the direction the motor-vehicle is moving, around the axis determined by the pivot 8 16 inserted into the bearings ~~7~~ 15. This oscillation that allows preventing the wheel from steering, will take place in a controlled way thanks to the elastic characteristic of the bushing 26 on which the plate 19 actuates through the axle 25 that behaves like an oscillating lever.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 19 as follows:

The rocking device thus realized guarantees that longitudinal loads due to the impact of the wheel with the upward projecting bumps of the road are absorbed. Besides, the whole rocking block, that is the hub of the wheel 23, the plate 19 and the cylindrical seat 14, either integral with each other or rotatably connected among them, is able to rotate around the axle defined by the pivot ~~11~~ 16 supported by the bearings 12 inserted into the vertical seat 10 fixed to the wishbone 2. The steering is controlled by means of an ~~attenuator 28~~ actuator 28a, preferably

an electric one, that moves tension rod 29 and makes a steering lever 30, fixed to or integral with the cylindrical seat 14, move.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 8 as follows:

Figure 2 shows an alternative embodiment of the device according to the invention in which the axle 11, on which the entire rocking block of the wheel, that is the wheel-hub 23, the plate 19 and the cylindrical seat 14 rotates, is supported by means of two articulations consisting of spherical joints 31. The ~~Said~~ joints connect the wishbone 2, that divides in two ends 33 and 34, to the cylindrical seat 14 by means of the said axle 11 that passes through it.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 14 as follows:

Figure 3 shows another embodiment of the device according to the invention, in which the actuator ~~28~~ 28a is fixed on the bodywork of the motor-vehicle.